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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF PRIVATE YACHTS IN NICOBAR ISLANDS

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 17370; (B) STATE 305404; (C) COLOMBO 4086;
(D) WELLINGTON 0012.

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CONOFF JANUARY 3,
SAM BESKALL, SKIPPER OF NEW ZEALAND-REGISTERED
YACHT "SARRIE," STATED HIS BOAT AND FELLOW
PASSENGERS, TWO OTHER BRITISH CITIZENS AND ONE
AUSTRALIAN, DETAINED AND HELD INCOMMUNICADO

1Y INDIAN AUTHORITIES DECEMBER 10 THROUGH 16 AT
NANCOWRY, NICOBAR ISLANDS. HE SAYS "SARRIE"
RECEIVED NO GUNFIRE AND THAT HE KNOW FROM
"BRITISH ADMIRALTY PILOT" THAT ENTRY INTO
WATERS WAS PROHIBITED WITHOUT PRIOR CLEARANCEGL
NOT WISHING TO MAKE PROTEST, HE ALSO EXPRESSED
IRRITATION WITH PRESS WHO HAD INTERVIEWED WIFE
IN NEW ZEALAND.

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2. PASSENGERS ON "MANAWAROA" WHICH RECEIVED

GUNFIRE POSSIBLY DUE INCIDENT DESCRIBED
REF (A), EXPECTED BACK IN COLOMBO JANUARY 7.
WILL ATTEMPT CONFIRM DETAILS "MANAWAROA'S"
STORY UPON THEIR RETURN.
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